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PRODUCING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

After the title and before the first line, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims priority from Japanese Application 2001-10622 filed January 18, 2001 and Japanese Application 2001-76314, filed March 16, 2001, the entireties of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 9-17 and 25 as follows:

9. (Amended) The piezoelectric/electrostrictive device according to claim 1, wherein a connecting portion between a base part of said movable parts and the side peripheries of said fixing part constituting said base has a circular arc shape.

10. (Amended) The piezoelectric/electrostrictive device according to claim 3, wherein a connecting portion between a base part of said movable parts and the side peripheries of said fixing part and said mounting part constituting said base has a circular arc shape.

11. (Amended) The piezoelectric/electrostrictive device according to claim 1, wherein a central portion, as viewed in a length direction, of said movable parts constituting said base is formed to have a smaller thickness than other portions of said movable parts.